

REMARKS

The present response cancels claims 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein. In addition, claim 22 has been amended. Claims 1-22 and 25-26 remain pending in the captioned case.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-21 and 25-26 are allowed. (Applicants will disregard the Office Action Summary which incorrectly states that claims 25 and 26 are subject to restriction.) Claim 24 was deemed allowable if rewritten to independent form. In response thereto, Applicants have amended claim 22 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Accordingly, Applicants assert that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Section 102 Rejection

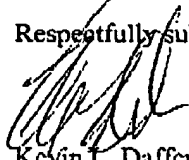
Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,222,785 to Leung. In response thereto, Applicants have canceled claim 23 rendering rejection thereto moot. In addition, as stated above, claim 22 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Accordingly, Applicants assert that this rejection has been obviated in its entirety.

CONCLUSION

The present amendment and response is believed to be a complete response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004. In view of the remarks and amendments herein, Applicants assert that pending claims 1-21 and 25-26 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5298-19203.

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